(5) Vessels must contact the Ninth District Commander’s on-scene representative at (630) 336–0300 prior to processing through Lock and Dams within the RNA as follows:

(i) Northbound vessels must contact the Ninth District Commander’s on-scene representative at (630) 336–0300 1 hour prior to anticipated lockage at Marseilles Lock and Dam. A secondary contact to the Ninth District Commander’s on-scene representative must be made prior to Mile Marker 240.6 to obtain a lockage authorization code.

(ii) Southbound vessels must contact the Ninth District Commander’s on-scene representative at (630) 336–0300 1 hour prior to anticipated lockage at Marseilles Lock and Dam. A secondary contact to the Ninth District Commander’s on-scene representative must be made prior to Mile Marker 250 to obtain a lockage authorization code.

(6) Vessel operators given permission to enter, operate, or transit within the regulated navigations area must comply with all directions given to them by the Ninth District Commander, Captain of the Port, Lake Michigan, or a designated on-scene representative. The “on-scene representative” of the Ninth District Commander will be standing watch at the Marseilles Lock and is any Coast Guard commissioned, warrant or petty officer who has been designated by the Ninth District Commander to act on his behalf.

(d) Exceptions. (1) Vessels with tow transiting northbound through the RNA may break their tow beyond Mile Marker 250.

(2) Vessels with tow transiting southbound through the RNA may break their tow beyond Mile Marker 240.6.

(e) Exemptions. Public vessels, defined in 46 USC 2101(24) as vessels that are owned, or demise chartered, and operated by the United States Government or a government of a foreign country; and are not engaged in commercial service, are exempt from the requirements in this section.

(f) Waiver. For any vessel, the Ninth District Commander or the Captain of the Port Lake Michigan may waive the requirements of this section, upon finding that operational conditions or other circumstances are such that application of this section is unnecessary or impractical for the purposes of public or environmental safety.

(g) Notification. In keeping with 33 CFR 165.7(a), the Ninth District Commander will notify the public of the enforcement of this RNA by all appropriate means, including publication in the Federal Register.

Such means of notification may also include, but are not limited to, Broadcast Notice to Mariners or Local Notice to Mariners.


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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 165

[Docket No. USCG–2013–0405]

RIN 1625–AA00

Safety Zone; Salvage Operations at Marseilles Dam; Illinois River

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Temporary final rule.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard is establishing a temporary safety zone on the waters of the Illinois River starting at Mile Marker 246.9 and extending 600 yards upstream of the Marseilles Dam to Mile Marker 247.2. This zone is intended to restrict the movement of vessels due to the salvage operations and repair efforts at the Marseilles Dam. This safety zone is necessary to protect the general public, vessels, and tows from the hazards associated with those repair and salvage operations.

DATES: This rule is effective in the CFR June 7, 2013 through November 30, 2013. This rule is effective for purposes of enforcement with actual notice on May 17, 2013. This rule will remain in effect until November 30, 2013.

ADDRESSES: Documents mentioned in this preamble are part of docket [USCG–2013–0405]. To view documents mentioned in this preamble as being available in the docket, go to http://www.regulations.gov, type the docket number in the “SEARCH” box and click “SEARCH.” Click on Open Docket Folder on the line associated with this rulemaking. You may also visit the Docket Management Facility in Room W12–140 on the ground floor of the Department of Transportation West Building, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have questions on this rule, contact MST1 Joseph McCollum, Prevention Department, Coast Guard Sector Lake Michigan, Milwaukee, WI at (414) 747–7148 or by email at Joseph.P.Mccollum@USCG.mil. If you have questions on viewing or submitting material to the docket, call Barbara Hairston, Program Manager, Docket Operations, telephone 202–366–9826.

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A. Regulatory History and Information

On April 18, 2013, in light of dangerously high water conditions, the Coast Guard established a temporary safety zone on the Illinois River from Mile Marker 187.2 to Mile Marker 285.9 (USCG–2013–0299). The safety zone restricted recreational and commercial vessel transits in the zone without the permission of the Captain of the Port Lake Michigan. Because of the emergent nature of the flooding, the Coast Guard did not solicit comments before establishing this temporary safety zone.

On April 26, 2013, in order to facilitate commerce and in consideration of salvage operations around the Marseilles Dam, the Coast Guard established a temporary safety zone (USCG–2013–0323) that authorized commercial vessels to transit the Illinois River except from Mile Marker 244 to Mile Marker 252. Recreational vessels were prohibited from Mile Marker 187.2 to 285.9. Because of the emergent nature of the flooding, the Coast Guard also did not solicit comments prior to establishing this temporary safety zone.

On April 29, 2013, to further ensure the safety of those vessels transiting in the vicinity of the Marseilles Dam and the salvage operations there, the Coast Guard established a temporary safety zone (USCG–2013–0334) that restricted access on the Illinois River from the gates of the Dresden Lock and Dam at Mile Marker 271.4 to the gates of the Starved Rock Lock and Dam at Mile Marker 231.0. Because of the emergent nature of the flooding, the Coast Guard also did not solicit comments prior to establishing this temporary safety zone.

On May 3, 2013 the Coast Guard established an RNA on the Illinois River from the gates of the Dresden Lock and Dam at Mile Marker 271.4 to Mile Marker 240.0 (USCG–2013–0344). This RNA was established to ensure the safety of those vessels transiting in the vicinity of the Marseilles Dam and the Salvage Operation there. Enforcement of the prior safety zones were suspended.
The RNA established restrictions which: directed vessels to transit under optimal ambient conditions; controlled tow configurations and other operational conditions; and established conditions which required a check-in process through Marseilles Lock and Dam. Because of the emergent nature of the river conditions, and the potential compromise of the Marseilles Dam, the Coast Guard also did not solicit comments prior to establishing this RNA.

Now the Coast Guard is issuing a fifth temporary final rule without prior notice and opportunity to comment pursuant to authority under section 4(a) of the Administrative Procedure Act (APA) (5 U.S.C. 553(b)). This provision authorizes an agency to issue a rule without prior notice and opportunity to comment when the agency for good cause finds that those procedures are “impracticable, unnecessary, or contrary to the public interest.” Under 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(B), the Coast Guard finds that good cause exists for not publishing a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) with respect to this rule because doing so would be impracticable and contrary to the public interest. The Coast Guard is issuing this rule in response to an immediate and hazardous situation which involves: salvage operations in the vicinity of the Marseilles Dam. Thus, delaying the effective date of this rule to wait for a comment period to run would be both impracticable and contrary to the public interest because it would inhibit the Coast Guard’s ability to protect persons and vessels from the hazards, which are discussed further below, associated with the salvage operations and repair efforts at the Marseilles Dam.

Under 5 U.S.C. 553(d)(3), the Coast Guard finds that good cause exists for making this rule effective less than 30 days after publication in the Federal Register. For the same reasons discussed in the preceding paragraph, the Coast Guard found that good cause exists for making this rule effective less than 30 days after publication in the Federal Register. For the same reasons discussed in the preceding paragraph, the Coast Guard found that good cause exists for making this rule effective less than 30 days after publication in the Federal Register.

C. Discussion of Rule

The Captain of the Port, Lake Michigan, has determined that a safety zone is necessary to mitigate the aforementioned safety risks. Thus, this rule establishes a safety zone that encompasses all waters of the Illinois River starting at Mile Marker 246.9 and extending 600 yards upstream of the Marseilles Dam to Mile Marker 247.2. The safety risks associated with these conditions include collisions among heavy equipment, barges, and work vessels involved in the salvage and repair effort and passing vessel traffic, as well as damage or injury caused by falling debris.

D. Regulatory Analysis

1. Regulatory Planning and Review

This rule is not a significant regulatory action under section 3(f) of Executive Order 12866, Regulatory Planning and Review, as supplemented by Executive Order 13563, Improving Regulation and Regulatory Review, and does not require an assessment of potential costs and benefits under section 6(a)(3) of Executive Order 12866 or under section 1 of Executive Order 13563. The Office of Management and Budget has not reviewed it under that Order. It is not “significant” under the regulatory policies and procedures of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). We conclude that this rule is not a significant regulatory action because we anticipate that it will have minimal impact on the economy, will not interfere with other agencies, will not adversely alter the budget of any grant or loan recipients, and will not raise any novel legal or policy issues. The safety zone created by this rule will be relatively small and enforced for about six months to allow for vital salvage and repair operations. Also, this safety zone is designed to minimize its impact on navigable waters by allowing vessels to transit unrestricted to portions of the waterways not affected by the safety zone. Thus, restrictions on vessel movements within that particular area are expected to be minimal. Under certain conditions, moreover, vessels may still transit through the safety zone when permitted by the Captain of the Port, Lake Michigan. On the whole, the Coast Guard expects insignificant adverse impact to mariners from the activation of this safety zone.

2. Impact on Small Entities

The Regulatory Flexibility Act of 1980 (RFA), 5 U.S.C. 601–612, as amended, requires federal agencies to consider the potential impact of regulations on small entities during rulemaking. The term “small entities” comprises small businesses, not-for-profit organizations that are independently owned and operated and are not dominant in their fields, and governmental jurisdictions with populations of less than 50,000.
The Coast Guard certifies under 5 U.S.C. 605(b) that this rule would not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. This rule will affect the following entities, some of which might be small entities: the owners or operators of vessels intending to transit portions of the Illinois River during the time that this zone is enforced.

This safety zone will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities for the following reasons: this safety zone is designed to allow vessels to transit unrestricted to portions of the waterways not affected by the safety zone; an area to the south of the salvage and repair operations has been provided to allow traffic to transit the Illinois River when conditions surrounding the salvage operations allow. This safety zone would be effective and thus subject to enforcement, for about six months. Traffic may be allowed to pass through the zone with the permission of the Captain of the Port. The Captain of the Port can be reached via VHF channel 16. Before the enforcement of the zone, we would issue local Broadcast Notice to Mariners.

3. Assistance for Small Entities

Under section 213(a) of the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996 (Pub. L. 104–121), we want to assist small entities in understanding this rule so they can better evaluate its effects on them. If this rule would affect your small business, organization, or governmental jurisdiction and you have questions concerning its provisions or options for compliance, please contact the person listed in the FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT section above.

Small businesses may send comments on the actions of Federal employees who enforce, or otherwise determine compliance with, Federal regulations to the Small Business and Agriculture Regulatory Enforcement Ombudsman and the Regional Small Business Regulatory Fairness Boards. The Ombudsman evaluates these actions annually and rates each agency’s responsiveness to small business. If you wish to comment on actions by employees of the Coast Guard, call 1–888–REG–FAIR (1–888–734–3247). The Coast Guard will not retaliate against small entities that question or complain about this rule or any policy or action of the Coast Guard.

4. Collection of Information

This rule will not call for a new collection of information under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501–3520).

5. Federalism

A rule has implications for federalism under Executive Order 13132, Federalism, if it has a substantial direct effect on the States, on the relationship between the national government and the States, or on the distribution of power and responsibilities among the various levels of government. We have analyzed this rule under that Order and determined that this rule does not have implications for federalism.

6. Unfunded Mandates Reform Act

The Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 (2 U.S.C. 1531–1538) requires Federal agencies to assess the effects of their discretionary regulatory actions. In particular, the Act addresses actions that may result in the expenditure by a State, local, or tribal government, in the aggregate, or by the private sector of $100,000,000 (adjusted for inflation) or more in any one year. Though this rule would not result in such an expenditure, we do discuss the effects of this rule elsewhere in this preamble.

7. Taking of Private Property

This rule will not affect the taking of private property or otherwise have taking implications under Executive Order 12630, Governmental Actions and Interference with Constitutionally Protected Property Rights.

8. Civil Justice Reform

This rule meets applicable standards in sections 3(a) and 3(b)(2) of Executive Order 12988, Civil Justice Reform, to minimize litigation, eliminate ambiguity, and reduce burden.

9. Protection of Children

We have analyzed this rule under Executive Order 13045, Protection of Children from Environmental Health Risks and Safety Risks. This rule is not an economically significant rule and would not create an environmental risk to health or risk to safety that might disproportionately affect children.

10. Indian Tribal Governments

This rule does not have tribal implications under Executive Order 13175, Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments, because it does not have a substantial direct effect on one or more Indian tribes, on the relationship between the Federal Government and Indian tribes, or on the distribution of power and responsibilities between the Federal Government and Indian tribes.
On May 17, 2013, the United States Coast Guard, Captain of the Port, Lake Michigan, or his on-scene representative may be contacted via VHF Channel 16. Vessel operators desiring to enter or operate within the safety zone shall contact the Captain of the Port, Lake Michigan or his on-scene representative to obtain permission to do so. The Captain of the Port, Lake Michigan or his on-scene representative may make exceptions to the restrictions of this safety zone for vessels intending to transit the Illinois River via the Marseilles Lock Canal and its approach channel south of Marseilles Dam. Notice of this exception, or other exceptions, will be made via Broadcast Notice to Mariners.

The purpose of the RRTCs, which are funded through the Disability and Rehabilitation Research Projects and Centers Program, is to achieve the goals of, and improve the effectiveness of, services authorized under the Rehabilitation Act through advanced research, training, technical assistance, and dissemination activities in general problem areas, as specified by NIDRR. These activities are designed to benefit rehabilitation service providers, individuals with disabilities, and the family members or other authorized representatives of individuals with disabilities. Additional information on the RRTC program can be found at: www.ed.gov/rschstat/research/pubs/res-program.html#RRTC.

Program Authority: 29 U.S.C. 762(g) and 764(b)(2).

Applicable Program Regulations: 34 CFR part 350.

We published a notice of proposed priority in the Federal Register on March 6, 2013 (78 FR 14483). That notice contained background information and our reasons for proposing the particular priority.

There are differences between the proposed priority and this final priority as discussed under Analysis of Comments and Changes.

Public Comment: In response to our invitation in the notice of proposed priority, three parties submitted comments on the proposed priority.

Generally, we do not address technical and other minor changes or suggested changes the law does not authorize us to make under the applicable statutory authority. In addition, we do not address general comments that raised concerns not directly related to the proposed priority.

Analysis of Comments and Changes: An analysis of the comments and any changes in the priority since publication of the notice of proposed priority follows.

Comment: Two commenters asked NIDRR to clarify the meaning of the phrase “individuals with long-term physical disabilities” so that applicants can submit proposals that are in line with NIDRR’s intent.

Discussion: The proposed priority did not define “individuals with long-term physical disabilities.” In the final priority we clarify that the phrase “individuals with long-term physical disabilities” refers to individuals who acquired a disability during the life course from birth to childhood to middle age and are now aging with their disability. Although NIDRR is providing this clarification, we are purposefully using broad terminology to allow applicants to choose the target population or populations that are most relevant to their research questions and purposes. We do not want to preclude promising research by providing an overly prescriptive definition of the target population. The peer review process will determine the merits of each proposed RRTC.

Changes: NIDRR has revised the opening paragraph of the priority to add...